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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62980

Jun SUZUKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/778,015

Group Art Unit: 2653

Confirmation No.: 6229

Examiner: George J. LETSCHER

Filed: February 07, 2001

For: LENS DRIVE DEVICE HAVING METAL WIRE-LIKE ELASTIC MEMBERS, AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME (Amended)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Initially, Attorney for Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's accommodation of Applicant's request for an interview. During the interview conducted on May 5, 2005, the rejection of claims 1-5 and the Shinozuka and Tanaka references were discussed.

Claims 1-5 have been examined, and claims 6 and 7 have been withdrawn from consideration. Of the rejected claims, claims 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and claims 1-3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

I. **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S.P. 6,404,728 to Shinozuka et al.**
("Shinozuka")